

Homeowner Survey

These 13 questions are designed to provide a sense of what a typical residential area looks like and gauge your interest in using your yard for local stream protection. Please indicate your response to the following questions by placing an "X" in the box for the most appropriate answer.

1. Have you ever obtained advice or information on the following:

- a. Rain gardens ☐ Yes ☐ No
- b. Rain barrels ☐ Yes ☐ No
- c. Buffer management ☐ Yes ☐ No
- d. Bayscaping ☐ Yes ☐ No
- e. Environmentally-sensitive lawn care (i.e. fert./pest. application) ☐ Yes ☐ No

2. If you fertilize your lawn, are you willing to modify application rates/practices for environmental considerations?

- ☐ No ☐ Already do/did
- ☐ Yes ☐ Maybe, need more info
- ☐ Not applicable

3. If you are a dog owner, do you typically dispose of your dog's waste in the trash or toilet?

- ☐ No, never ☐ Usually
- ☐ On walks, but not in my own yard
- ☐ Not applicable

4. When it rains, the water collected on your roof is directed to gutters and is then discharged...

- ☐ Directly onto an impervious surface (driveway, sidewalk, street)
- ☐ Onto my lawn
- ☐ Into a landscaped feature
- ☐ Into a rain barrel or cistern
- ☐ Other _____

5. Would you be willing to install a rain barrel on your property?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No
- ☐ Maybe, need more information

6. Approximately, what percentage of your yard is currently covered by turf grass (lawn)?

- ☐ 0 – 20% ☐ 61-80%
- ☐ 21 – 40% ☐ 81-100%
- ☐ 41- 60%

7. Have you ever converted portions of your lawn into a landscaped area (such as mulched beds, rain gardens, bayscapes ,etc)?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

8. Would you be willing to reduce the amount of existing turf grass in your yard by installing a rain garden or other landscaped feature?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No
- ☐ Maybe, need more information

9. In your landscaped areas, do you currently have mostly native vegetation?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No, mostly non-native
- ☐ Equal mix ☐ Don't know
- ☐ Not applicable

10. Would you be willing to use native vegetation in landscaped areas?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No
- ☐ Maybe, need more information

11. Does your property border on (or contain) a bay, river, stream, wetland or other drainage feature?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

12. If yes to # 11, how would you best describe the first 25- 50 ft (buffer) between that feature and your yard?

- ☐ Bare soil ☐ Lawn
- ☐ Landscaped area ☐ Other: _____
- ☐ Natural, undisturbed _____

13. Following # 12, would you be willing to enhance that buffer area with native plantings or reduced maintenance?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No
- ☐ Maybe, need more information

Name (optional) _____

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey. If you have any questions, please contact Joe Keyser at the Department of Environmental Protection joe@askDEP.com

